



Department of Energy

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Wei Li, Chairman of the Board
Aucma Group (aka Qingdao Aucma Import and Export Co., Ltd.)
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VIA EMAIL

RE: DOE Case Number 2011-CE-1405

Dear Chairman Li:

On April 22, 2011, the Office of the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) served you, in your capacity as an officer of Aucma Group (aka Qingdao Aucma Import and Export Co., Ltd.) with a Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty ("Notice") issued pursuant to DOE's enforcement authority under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6291 *et seq* ("EPCA"). The Notice alleged that Aucma Group manufactures a variety of residential refrigerators and freezers, which it distributes in commerce in the United States of America and which are "covered products," as defined under EPCA. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 6291. The Notice further alleged that Aucma Group failed to certify that each basic model meets the applicable energy conservation standard as required by 10 C.F.R. § 430.62, and that Aucma Group failed to submit a certification and compliance statement for each basic model of these covered products as required by 10 C.F.R. § 430.62.

Based on information provided by Aucma Group and information obtained by DOE after further investigation, DOE has concluded that insufficient evidence exists to demonstrate that Aucma Group is the importer of record for models BD720; BD525; BD325; BDI45C; BDIOO; BDI48; BCDI40; BCDI20; BC90; BC50; BCD340; BCD320; BCD340; BCDI08; and AT1201160 into the United States. Accordingly, the Notice is hereby withdrawn, and the case is now closed.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at Laura.Barhydt@hq.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Barhydt
Acting Assistant General Counsel
for Enforcement

